

AGENDA: December 7, 2004

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CATEGORY: Public Hearing

DEPT.: Police

TITLE: Expenditure of State Funds Designated for
Law Enforcement—Fiscal Year 2004-05

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the allocation of \$105,128 of State funds designated for law enforcement to the Police Department from the Fiscal Year 2004-05 State budget.

FISCAL IMPACT

The amount allocated to the Mountain View Police Department is estimated to be approximately \$105,128. There is no requirement for matching funds.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

In 1996, Assembly Bill 3229 added \$100 million to the State budget for distribution to local law enforcement agencies for "frontline law enforcement service." The funding has been renewed each year since 1996. This funding primarily benefits smaller agencies, with every law enforcement agency in California now allocated at least \$100,000. There is no requirement to contribute matching funds. Government Code Section 30061 requires that a public hearing be held to consider use of the funds before the moneys are distributed.

In 1996, Police Department staffing was identified as one of the City's highest priorities. The first AB 3229 funds were used to accelerate the addition of two Police Officer positions that would otherwise have been phased into the authorized strength of the Police Department in a later budget year. In that first cycle, the available funds fully supported these positions. In each subsequent year, following the required public hearing, Council has approved the use of State moneys to continue funding the two Police Officer positions, although as Police Officer costs have risen, available funds now fund 80 percent of one position.

For the Fiscal Year 2004-05 budget, the Police Department projected AB 3229 funds to be \$107,254 based on previous funding. This leaves a deficit of just over \$2,000 in Police salaries. Based on salary expenditures to this point in the fiscal year, the Police Department will absorb this deficit in the existing General Fund budget.

This position has provided the Police Department with some of the staffing needed to effectively implement community-oriented policing. It is recommended that the moneys

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received from the State budget for local law enforcement be used to continue funding this position through the current fiscal year.

ALTERNATIVE

Upon consideration of public input, Council could direct that the State funding be put to other frontline law enforcement uses.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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- Attachments:
1. Public Hearing Notification
 2. County of Santa Clara Office of the District Attorney – Fiscal Year 2005
COPs Allocations